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CITY OF VANCOUVER

ACTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW

City of Vancouver

The City of Vancouver spans 11,471 hectares and in 2006 had a population of 578,041. In the past five years, the City's population has grown 5.9%. Over a 20 year period, the City's population has grown 33.7%. On average, there are 5,039 residents per square kilometre. The direction and vision for the City is contained in "CityPlan: Directions for Vancouver's Future". [[CityPlan: Directions for Vancouver](#)]

Vancouver Park Board

Strategic Plan for the Park Board

The Vancouver Park Board has a number of Master Plans and policies to address the Active Communities needs of citizens. The Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 outlines the overview strategy goals and vision of the Park Board. This document emphasizes the key themes of: Greening the Park Board; Engaging People; Working Together; Managing Resources and Meeting Future Challenges. [[Strategic Plan](#)] -May 6, 2005 [[Appendix A](#)]

Current Park Board Infrastructure

The Park Board has developed a series of master plans to support Vancouver residents and visitors becoming more active. These policy reports are available to the public on the Park Board's public web site at [[Park Board Meetings and Reports](#)]

The primary recreation infrastructure initiatives are implemented through the Park Board Capital Planning process which occurs in three year cycles. Attached are the past and current Park Board Capital plans.

[[Draft Allocation - 2006-2008 Capital Plan](#)] June 23, 2005

[[Appendix A](#)] Council report: 2006 - 2008 [[Appendix B](#)] -Capital Plan Public Feedback Summaries

[[Appendix C](#)] - Park Board Capital Plan 2006 - 2008

[[2003 - 2005 Capital Plan](#)] October 1, 2002 [[Appendix 1 - 2003-2005 Capital Plan](#)]

Parks

There are more than 200 public parks in the city of Vancouver. The Park Board maintains approximately 400 playing fields and sports courts, 150 playgrounds structures, 180 tennis courts, 130,000 street trees and several hundred kilometres of walking and jogging trails. The Vancouver Park Board's Master Plan policies for public parks are outlined in the following reports:

Park Land Acquisition Strategy

The 200 parks in Vancouver have a total area of 1,302 hectares. This amounts to 11.4% of the total land area in the City. The goal of the Park Board land-acquisition strategy is to maintain 1.1 hectares of park space for every additional 1,000 new residents. The Staff report dated January 23, 2006 recommended that the Board receive the report entitled "Park Land Acquisition Strategy for Vancouver - Draft for Discussion" and instruct staff to undertake a public consultation process to obtain feedback on the draft strategy. [[Park Land Acquisition Strategy](#)] [[Appendix A](#)]

Waterfront Inventory

The waterfront inventory examines the character of Vancouver's waterfront and its value as a natural, recreational and cultural resource. It provides an overview of the activities, opportunities and challenges. <http://vancouver.ca/parks/environment/pdf/WaterfrontInventoryMarch07.pdf>

Community Gardens

Vancouver Park Board provides many gardening opportunities at selected local parks. The gardens are operated in cooperation with local gardening organizations that partner with the Park Board to maintain the gardens.

[[Community Gardens Policy Review and License Agreement Renewals](#)] (Sept. 2005)

[[Appendix 1](#)] - Community Gardens Policy (Approved 1996)

[[Appendix 2](#)] - Community Gardens in Vancouver Parks

[[Appendix 3](#)] - Community Gardens Policy (Revised September 19, 2005)

Off-Leash Dog Areas

The Park Board has developed several park locations where people can exercise with their dogs off-leash. These areas have been contentious for the Park Board over the past seven years. The initial pilot project was conducted in November 1997 and the most recent report was in October 2005. During that time, there have been 15 Park board reports about the expanding dogs-off leash program. <http://vancouver.ca/parks/info/dogparks/index.htm>

[[Improvements to Dog Off leash Program](#)] Oct. 18, 2005 [[Appendix A](#)]- Criteria for Off Leash Dog Sites

[[Dogs Off Leash in Parks](#)] April 26, 1999

[[Dogs on Parks Pilot Project](#)] November 13, 1997

Outdoor Sports Facilities and Playing Fields

There are 290 public playing fields and 354 diamonds in the City of Vancouver. The VPB has 129 fields and 139 diamonds while the VSB has 161 fields and 215 diamonds. The Park Board Playing Field Renewal Plan dated July 2, 2002 outlines the inventory, maintenance and development strategies for these resources. The Playing Field Renewal Plan is a reference for future capital funding opportunities, and for decision-making in relation to field maintenance and allocation. [[Playing Field Renewal Plan](#)] [[Plan - Part I](#)] [[Plan - Part II](#)]

Ball Hockey Sports Courts

There are 16 outdoor asphalt ball hockey courts in Vancouver parks. This number includes eight adult size ball hockey courts, two children's courts and four ball hockey courts that overlap with basketball. The adult size ball hockey courts are located at Brewers, Cedar Cottage, Clark, John Hendry, Oak, Queen Elizabeth and Sunset Beach Parks. The children's courts are at Clark and General Brock parks. The four combination ball hockey and basketball courts are located at Garden, Grays, Robson, and Sutcliffe Parks. There are also two lacrosse boxes at Memorial South and Renfrew parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=52&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Baseball Diamonds

There are 65 baseball diamonds maintained by the Park Board. These diamonds include:

- seven adult baseball diamonds with 90 ft. base paths and 300 ft. outfields
- six intermediate baseball diamonds with 80 ft. base paths and 250 ft outfields
- 28 Little League baseball diamonds with 60 ft. base paths and 200 ft. outfields.
- 24 T-Ball diamonds with 45 ft, base paths

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?nb=all&ftype=1&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Basketball – Outdoor Courts

There are 44 outdoor basketball courts maintained by the Park Board. Of this number, 25 are full size courts (84x 50 ft. or more), 14 are ½ size courts and five are junior courts with eight foot hoops.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?nb=all&ftype=31&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Cricket

There are 7 cricket pitches in Vancouver. They are located on Balaclava, Connaught, Douglas, Memorial South, Stanley and Trafalgar Parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?nb=all&ftype=7&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Disc Golf

The Park Board is responsible for two disc golf courses which are located at Queen Elizabeth and Quilchena Parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=49&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Outdoor Fitness Circuits

There are three outdoor fitness circuits in Vancouver parks. They are located at Carnarvon, China Creek and Douglas parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?fuseaction=FAC.FacilitySearch

Football Fields

There are five tackle football fields in Vancouver parks. The three full sized grass fields are located at Carnarvon, Gordon and Rupert parks. The full size artificial turf field at Andy Livingstone. There is a ½ sized practice field is at Renfrew Park.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=10&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Lacrosse Boxes

There are two outdoor lacrosse boxes which are located on Memorial South and Renfrew parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=15&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Rugby Fields

There are 11 rugby fields on Vancouver parks. The top quality facilities are at Balaclava, Connaught, Gordon and Stanley (Brockton) parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=25&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Sand Volleyball

There are 40 designated sand volleyball courts on Vancouver Beaches.

<http://vancouver.ca/parks/rec/volleyball/vballbch.htm>

Skateboard Facilities

The Park Board has developed seven skateboard facilities in Vancouver. Current skateboard sites include China Creek South, Coopers, Downtown Skateboard Plaza, False Creek, Hastings, Quilchena and Strathcona Parks.

<http://vancouver.ca/parks/rec/skateboard/index.htm?CFID=545821&CFTOKEN=20516535>

[Development of a Downtown Skateboard Facility - Quebec and Union Streets]

[Appendix A] Skateboard facility location and connecting route to Skytrain

[Appendix B] - Skateboard facility site; [Appendix C] - Skateboard 'plaza' concept plan

Soccer Fields

The Park Board maintains 96 soccer fields. This includes 26 mini soccer fields for children and 70 soccer fields for youth and adults. The seven top soccer fields in the city are located at Adanac, Hastings, Kerrisdale and Memorial South parks.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=26&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Softball Diamonds

The Park Board maintains 74 softball diamonds. This included 14 top quality diamonds at Columbia, Connaught, Gordon, Hastings, Memorial South and Montgomery.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=27&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Tennis

The Park Board maintains 180 tennis courts throughout city parks. The top quality facilities are the 6 premier courts at Stanley Park. There are 32 other courts that have the necessary dimensions and surface quality to support a high level of play

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&ftype=28

Track

There are 6 tracks in the Vancouver Park Board system. The best quality track is at Kerrisdale Park. http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=43&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Ultimate Fields

There are 18 Ultimate fields maintained by the Vancouver Park Board. The top quality ultimate fields are the three fields at Winona Park.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=51&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Playgrounds

There are over 115 playgrounds in the Vancouver Park Board system.

http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=22&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Wading Pools and Spray Pools

There are 25 wading pools and 12 water spray parks located throughout the City.
http://vancouver.ca/parkfinder_wa/index.cfm?ftype=46&keyword=&fuseaction=FAC.FacilityList&from_form=1

Facilities

The Vancouver Park Board administered 23 community centres, nine indoor and six outdoor swimming pools, eight ice rinks, three 18-hole golf courses and three pitch-and-putt courses. The Master Plans for the development and maintenance of these facilities are outlined in the following Park Board Master Plan reports:

Aquatics

There are nine indoor and six outdoor public-swimming pools in Vancouver. These Park Board aquatic facilities are guided by the Aquatic Services Reviews of Nov. 11, 2001; Feb. 25, 2002; 1, 2005; and June 25, 2007. The following reports outline the comprehensive strategy to reconfigure the City's aquatic services and facilities: vancouver.ca/parks/rec/pools/index.htm

[[Aquatic Program Review](#)] Staff report dated June 13, 2007 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B. [[Appendix 1](#)] - Aquatic Program Review, June 2007
[[Aquatic Services Renewal Plan Update](#)]. Oct 31, 2005
[[Aquatics Program Study - Indoor Pools](#)] April 1, 2005
[[Aquatics Services Review](#)] February 25, 2002 .
[[Appendix A - Executive Summary](#)] Appendix B [1][2][3][4]
[[Aquatic Review](#)] November 11, 2001 [[Appendix A](#)]

Community Centres

There are 23 community centres in Vancouver and the Park Board has developed a comprehensive Long-Range Community Centre Renewal Plan to address the needs of this aging infrastructure. The Staff report dated November 6, 2001 is one component of a more wide ranging commitment to longer range capital planning:
[[Long-Range Community Centre Renewal](#)] [[Community Centre Renewal Plan](#)]

The Vancouver Park Board works with local community association partners to jointly deliver local recreation services. This partnership is encompassed in the Joint Operating Agreements with each local association. The report on June 13, 2005 reviews the scope of this partnership:
[[Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Final Report](#)]

Fitness Centres

There are 24 Fitness Centres in Park Board facilities. The Park Board supervised 11 of these facilities and local associations supervise 13 sites. These Fitness Centres comprise a total area of 44,780 sq. ft. of floor space. On an annual basis, the Park Board and local associations spend in excess of \$100,000 on fitness equipment replacement. vancouver.ca/parks/rec/fitness/index.htm

Marinas

The Park Board operates two of the eight marinas in False Creek. The two civic marinas are the Burrard Bridge Civic and Heather Civic Marinas.
http://vancouver.ca/parks/board/2007/fin070122/burrard_marina_presentation.pdf

Ice Rinks

The eight ice rinks in the City are guided in their policy development, long range capital

planning and management structure by the following Ice Rink Policies:

[[Centralized Ice Allocation](#)] May 27, 2004 [[Appendix 1](#)]

[[Ice Allocation Policy - Financial Sustainability](#)] March 2, 2004 -Ice Rink Fees and Charges

[[Appendix A and B](#)] -Ice Rental Schedule

[[Ice Allocation Policy](#)] July 11, 2003 - Ice Allocation Report

[[Appendix A](#)] - Rink Task Force 2003 Report; [[Appendix B](#)] - Proposed Ice Allocation Policy

[[Appendices C & D](#)] - Ice Rink Programming Policy (1989) and Ice Allocation

[[Ice Rink Policy Review](#)] February 6, 2001

[[Ice Rink Subsidized Rates and Programming Policy](#)] February 12, 1999

City Transportation Greenways and Bikeways

The City of Vancouver through the Engineering department has developed a comprehensive system of transportation corridors to facilitate movement throughout the municipality.

[<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/plan/index.htm>]

Bikeways and Greenways

The City's Bikeways and Greenways are well documented on the attached web sites.

[[Bikeways and Greenways](#)]

<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/cycling/routes.htm>

Blue Ways

Vancouver is known worldwide for its spectacular waterfront setting.

[<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/streets/blueways/index.htm>]

Greenways –Citywide

The City of Vancouver has developed a citywide greenways program with 16 routes that span the City. [<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/streets/greenways/city/index.htm>]

Greenways –Neighbourhood

In addition to citywide greenways, the City has a neighbourhood greenways initiative to responds to local needs. [<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/streets/greenways/neighbourhood/index.htm>]

“One Day” Initiative

The City's “One Day” initiative is about health, fitness and wellbeing. Walking and cycling are easy ways to stay fit, lose weight and help cut down on the amount of energy we use.

[http://www.onedayvancouver.ca/take_action.php?itemId=47]

Walking Tours

Popular Vancouver walking tours are featured on the City's “Step-Out” walking page.

[[Step-Out Walks](#)]

Future Infrastructure Projects Supporting Active Communities

The Park Board is currently developing additional master plans to support residents and visitors in achieving and maintaining healthy lifestyles. Current and future plans include:

- Development of Olympic size ice rinks at Trout Lake and Killarney CC
- Construction of the Olympic curling rink and swimming pool by Nat Bailey Stadium
- Renewal Plan for Stanley Park
- Waterfront Access

- Sports Strategy Development
- Aquatic Renewal Plan
- Skateboard Strategy.
- Plans to construct three new artificial turf fields, one by Vancouver Technical School and two at Trillium Park.

The Olympic legacy projects will provide active infrastructure amenities long after the 2010 Olympic games are concluded. The two Olympic size ice rinks and the new aquatic facility at Hillcrest park will benefit City residents for decades.

The new artificial turf fields on the Trillium lands will provide a top quality soccer venue. This new project will also include excellent ancillary amenities which will enable this facility to support regional and provincial soccer events.

